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REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUATION/DIVISIONAL
APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

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Customer No. 21839

Sir:

This is a request for filing a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending Application No. 09/720,377 filed on April 12, 2001, for Heat Thickening Composition for Coating Slips Based on a Copolymer Having a Low Critical Solubility Temperature, by the following named inventor(s):

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☐ Applicant(s) hereby requests that the above-captioned application **NOT BE PUBLISHED** under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied herewith is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

☐ This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2), the Commissioner is requested to delete the name(s) of the following person or persons who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application.

(a)	Full Name	<u></u>
(b)	Full Name	<u></u>
(c)	Full Name	<u></u>

☐ This application is being filed by more than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(5), a new oath or declaration is enclosed, and the Commissioner is requested to add the name(s) of the following person or persons who are inventors of the invention being claimed in this application.

(a)	Full Name	<u></u>
(b)	Full Name	<u></u>
(c)	Full Name	<u></u>

- ☐ Applicant(s) suggests Figure _ for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and/or patent.
- ☒ Applicant(s) requests that the published application include the following assignment information: Rhodia Chimie.
1. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the prior Application No. 09/720,377 as originally filed on April 12, 2001, including copies of the specification, claims, drawings and the executed oath or declaration as filed.
 2. ☐ Enclosed is a revised prior application and a copy of the prior executed oath or declaration as filed. No new matter has been added to the revised application.
 3. ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
 4. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below ☒ and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

C L A I M S					
	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					\$750.00 (1001)
Total Claims	23	MINUS 20 =	3	× \$18.00 (1202) =	54
Independent Claims	1	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$84.00 (1201) =	0
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$280.00 (1203)					
Total Application Fee					804
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					
Add Assignment Recording Fee of \$_ if Assignment document is enclosed					
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					804.00

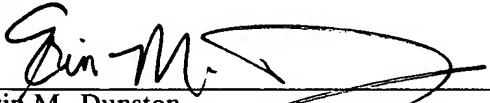
5. ☐ This application is being filed without a filing fee. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is respectfully requested.
6. ☐ Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
7. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 804.00 is enclosed for the fee due.
8. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

9. ☒ Cancel in this application original claims 1-23 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.
10. ☐ New drawings are enclosed.
11. ☒ Priority of Application No. 98/08171 filed on June 26, 1998 in France (country) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- ☒ The certified copy of the priority application
- ☐ is enclosed.
- ☒ acknowledged by the Examiner on December 18, 2002 in Paper No. 8.
- ☐ has not yet been filed.
12. ☒ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
- ☐ --This application is a ☐ continuation ☐ divisional of Application No. __, filed on __.--.
- ☒ --This application is a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/720,377, filed on April 12, 2001, which was a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. PCT/FR99/01525 filed on June 24, 1999.--.
- ☐ --This application is a ☐ continuation ☐ divisional of U.S. Application No. __, filed on __, which was a continuation of International Application No. __, filed on __.--.
13. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
14. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
15. ☐ A General Authorization for Payment of Fees and Petitions for Extensions of Time is enclosed.
16. ☐ Also enclosed __.
17. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to Norman H. Stepno, Registration No. 22,716.
- a. ☒ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- b. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- c. ☐ Recognize as Associate Attorney __.

- d. ☐ Address all future communications to: (May only be completed by applicant, or attorney or agent of record.)

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(57) Abrégé

La présente invention concerne une composition thermoépaississante pour bains de couchage comprenant au moins un copolymère thermosensible caractérisé en ce que ledit copolymère possède une structure peigne et est constitué d'un segment polymérique dit squelette auquel sont greffés au moins deux segments latéraux polymériques, identiques ou différents, avec soit le segment squelette et/ou les segments latéraux possédant une température critique inférieure de solubilité, LCST, comprise entre 30 et 80 °C. Elle a également pour objet un bain de couchage comprenant ladite composition et vise leurs utilisations pour le couchage du papier et cartons.

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